

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to applicants' communication filed on 3/17/11. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 7-14, 16 and 19-20 stand withdrawn from the consideration being drawn to the non elected invention.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/1/11 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Applicants need to cancel claims 5, 7-14, 16 and 19-20. Applicants need to limit the subject matter of claims 1-4, 6, 15 and 17-18 to the elected subject matter of Group I and elected species and closely related subject matter.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri/5-4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sullivan Daniel can be reached on (571)272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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